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**Sent:** 3/17/2021 10:38:59 PM  
**To:** Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: draft response for review: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA  
**Attachments:** Draft Feinstein Response v.3 Gill + Enrique edits.docx

Here you go! It looks like I edited a lot, but almost all of my edits were just moving existing text around – not rewriting. And I was careful to not touch substance. My edits in the final paragraph should take care of the concern expressed in your comment.

Thanks,

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**From:** Gill, Sonam <[Gill.Sonam@epa.gov](mailto:Gill.Sonam@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:00 PM  
**To:** Alpern, Michael <[Alpern.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Alpern.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: draft response for review: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

I left Enrique's comments highlighted.

Sonam

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**From:** Alpern, Michael <[Alpern.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Alpern.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:03 PM  
**To:** Gill, Sonam <[Gill.Sonam@epa.gov](mailto:Gill.Sonam@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: draft response for review: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Hi Sonam,  
I'll await your edits on this version, then will take a look.

Thanks,  
Mike

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**From:** Chesnutt, John <[Chesnutt.John@epa.gov](mailto:Chesnutt.John@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:50 AM  
**To:** Gill, Sonam <[Gill.Sonam@epa.gov](mailto:Gill.Sonam@epa.gov)>; Alpern, Michael <[Alpern.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Alpern.Michael@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** draft response for review: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Mike and Sonam, The attached version is ready for your and Deborah's review, while Enrique does a concurrent review.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

John

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**From:** Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 7:45 AM

**To:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Good morning,

Thanks for the update yesterday on where the Feinstein response document is in the SEMD review process. Debbie mentioned that she wanted to have adequate time to review it prior to its due date (3/22). Can you let me know when you plan to share the draft with Mike and I for review?

Thanks,

Sonam

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**From:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:07 AM

**To:** Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Thomas/Ylan, I really appreciate the close read and reordering of things. It reads better. The document is now with John Lyons. He is meeting with Mark Gold from the CA Oceans program today and will look at the letter after that.

I appreciate Julia's efforts to find a NOAA contact -- both to followup on our feedback of their draft response and to potentially float our basic response at the right time. Maybe you should give one of those contacts you identified a try. DOI/FWS didn't answer my emails at all, so I'm also looking for an additional contact there if anyone has any ideas. I was mainly trying to find out if they received a similar letter and then share our response.

John

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**From:** Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:04 AM

**To:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>

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**Subject:** RE: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

John, don't shoot me, but I took a crack at some edits. Best to view in simple markup. There's lots of red, but mostly just because I moved things around. Ylan commented on this draft too, but I take all the blame.

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**From:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2021 3:38 PM

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PV Shelf/Drum Disposal team,

Here's a draft response for your review. After incorporating any comments, I will share with John Lyons and Enrique. At some point I will also share the basic language with NOAA and DOI. NOAA received a similar letter and I've already commented on their draft language to ensure consistency in our federal responses.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>

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**Subject:** Response Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Hi John and Angeles,

Today's letter from Senator Feinstein regarding the status of DDT cleanup in the PV Shelf has been controlled to the Region for RA signature. The due date is **Monday, March 22, 2021**. Please let me know who in SEMD will lead drafting the response so I can fill out and share the routing slip.

Thank you,

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